

# Bay Area CMA Directors

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February 28, 2006

Hon. Jim Sperling  
Chair MTC Planning Committee  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

RE: Draft Final Report - MTC Strategic Plan

Dear Chair Sperling:

The CMA Directors have taken the opportunity to review the Draft Final Report of the MTC Agency Strategic Plan released Monday February 27. Our initial comments are as follows:

1. We applaud the Commissions efforts in its review of the changing roles and responsibilities of the agency as well as the Draft Strategic Plan acknowledgement of the CMAs' important role for "developing county-based consensus on transportation investments", and the need to continue to work cooperatively to strengthen the MTC/CMA relationship.
2. We also concur with the Executive Directors recommended "Next Steps", which suggest that after Commission adoption in March MTC continue discussions with CMA's, Transit Agencies, Caltrans, and other affected partners on the scope schedule and resource requirements for actions recommended. We would urge that a review of the document and its implementation needs be scheduled for Partnership discussion as soon as possible.
3. The CMA Directors also recommend that Commissioners view the Draft Strategic Plan as the starting point of a more detailed discussion that will necessarily require a shared understanding of the criteria for determining the regional roles and responsibilities, agreements on delegation of various functions, and allocation of resources to insure programs and projects can be delivered.

The CMA Directors look forward to working with the Commission on the details of these proposals. Please call Mike Zdon at (707) 259-8634 if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Signatures of Nine Directors

cc: Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director  
Ann Flemer, MTC Deputy Director  
Suzanne Wilford, MTC Partnership Chair